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Inventor(s) : Wolfgang BOHRER et al.
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For : A METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION
AMONG EQUAL-ACCESS STATIONS OF A RING-
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before
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IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following new title:

--A METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION AMONG EQUAL-ACCESS
STATIONS OF A RING-SHAPED, SERIAL FIBER-OPTIC BUS--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, before line 1, insert:

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